



Announcement

# NEM Reform

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Today AEMO has reached another Go-Live milestone for the NEM Reform Program with the successful deployment of the August 2023 release.

The release has two aspects:

## (1) Integrating Energy Storage Systems (IESS)

- Aggregated Dispatch Conformance (ADC) go live.
- ADC is the second of four releases under the IESS project – which aims to improve integration and participation of storage and aggregate systems in the NEM. Aggregate systems are grid-scale facilities with two or more units at a single connection point, such as a solar farm and a battery.
- From today, participants with aggregate systems can register to conform to its dispatch instructions by dispatching energy at the connection point from any combination of its units, rather than individually on a unit-by-unit basis (with some restrictions). These aggregate systems are emerging as important components of the energy transition and this change gives them flexibility to control energy flows in the most cost and energy efficient way.
- This release also includes minor changes to monitoring of net dispatch conformance for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), as a Target Aggregate.

## (2) Fast Frequency Response (FFR)

- In October, AEMO will introduce two new market ancillary services in the NEM, in the form of very fast services to operate alongside the existing contingency FCAS markets.
- In preparation for this, from today market participants with eligible facilities for participation in the Very Fast FCAS markets can register their services.
- These new services will help to maintain a secure future power system and control system frequency following contingency events.

The August 2023 release is optional for participants, and AEMO has supported interested parties in their preparations for the changes. For more information to assist participants, please refer to the following resources:

- [IESS ADC](#)
- [FFR](#)

To learn more and get involved with the NEM Reform program implementation, please visit the [NEM Reform Program page](#) at AEMO's website.

Regards,

NEM Reform Program Team